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*Jefferson and McDuffie County line...*

## **Big Brier Creek Bridge Project Complete on US 221**



**Photo Caption:** Contractors work to install guardrail and prepare the new Big Brier Creek Bridge for permanent striping Wednesday afternoon. Traffic will enter final alignment on US 221 traveling over the completed bridge by the end of the week.

**What:** On behalf of E.R. Snell Contractor, Inc. the Georgia Department of Transportation announces that traffic shifted today for the final time on the newly completed \$3.2 million Big Brier Creek Bridge project at the McDuffie/Jefferson County line. This means the construction activity comes in ahead of the contract end date of December 31, 2015. Contractors worked Wednesday to finish guardrail installation and permanently stripe the roadway. E.R. Snell expects all construction barrels and final speed limit signage to be installed by Friday, December 18.

This bridge sits on US 221/ State Route (SR) 47 at the county line. The new concrete bridge structure rests parallel to and west of the old bridge. Twelve-foot travel lanes and eight-foot shoulders in both directions with side barriers are part of the improvements. The total horizontal clearance on the new bridge from the barrier face is 40 feet.

The project was needed because the former 12-span bridge built in 1953 was classified as structurally deficient. Thanks to E.R. Snell the now complete 9-span concrete bridge will stand up to daily traffic that includes a high truck volume.

**When:** The contractor planned to shift traffic to its final configuration on the newly constructed Big Brier Creek Bridge located on US 221/SR 47 by tonight. Crews will likely return rain or shine Thursday,

December, 17 to remove barrels and also work to install new signage with the updated 55 mph speed limit.

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